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Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries

The General Assembly,

Recalling the Brussels Declaration[1] and the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[2]

Recalling also the United Nations Millennium Declaration,[3]

Recalling further its resolution 57/270 B of 23 June 2003 on the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic and social fields,

Recalling the 2005 World Summit Outcome,[4]

Recalling also its resolution 62/203 of 19 December 2007,

Recalling further the Economic and Social Council resolution 2008/37 of 25 July 2008,

Taking note of the ministerial declaration adopted at the 2008 annual meeting of Ministers for Foreign Affairs of the Least Developed Countries,[5]

Reaffirming that the Programme of Action constitutes a fundamental framework for a strong global partnership, whose goal is to accelerate sustained economic growth, sustainable development and poverty eradication in the least developed countries,

* On behalf of the States Members of the United Nations that are members of the Group of 77 and China.

[1] A/CONF.191/13, chap. I.

[2] Ibid., chap. II.

[3] See resolution 55/2.

[4] See resolution 60/1.

[5] A/C.2/63/8.

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1. *Takes note* of the report of the Secretary-General on the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[6] and his note on the modalities of the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;[7]

2. *Welcomes* the contributions made in the lead-up to the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010,[7] and notes the Cotonou Strategy for the Further Implementation of the Programme of Action for the Least Developed Countries for the Decade 2001-2010[8] as an initiative owned and led by the least developed countries;

3. *Welcomes* the Declaration[9] adopted by Heads of State and Government and heads of delegations participating in the high-level meeting of the sixty-first session of the General Assembly on the midterm comprehensive global review of the implementation of the Programme of Action, in which they recommitted themselves to addressing the special needs of the least developed countries by making progress towards the goals of poverty eradication, peace and development;

4. *Decides* to convene, as called for in paragraph 114 of the Programme of Action, the Fourth United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries at a high level in the year 2011 for the duration of seven working days, with the following mandate:

(a) To undertake a comprehensive appraisal of the implementation of the Programme of Action by the least developed countries and their development partners and to identify obstacles and constraints encountered and actions and initiatives needed to overcome them, as well as new challenges and emerging issues;

(b) To formulate and adopt a new framework for partnerships for the sustainable development and sustained economic growth of the least developed countries and their meaningful and progressive integration into the world economy;

5. *Also decides* to convene intergovernmental preparatory committee meetings in two parts in 2010 and 2011 to prepare for the Conference, to be preceded by regional preparatory meetings in Africa, which would include the Americas, and in Asia and the Pacific, supported by broad-based and inclusive country-level preparations;

6. *Further decides* that the Office of the High Representative for the Least Developed Countries, Landlocked Developing Countries and Small Island Developing States will be the focal point for the preparation of the Conference, in accordance with the mandate given to it by the General Assembly in its resolution 56/227 of 24 December 2001, in order to ensure its effective preparation and to mobilize and coordinate the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system;

7. *Requests* the organizations of the United Nations system, including the United Nations Development Programme, the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development, the regional commissions and specialized agencies, funds and

[6] A/63/77-E/2008/61.
[7] A/63/284.
[8] A/61/117, annex I.
[9] See resolution 61/1.

programmes, the international financial and trade institutions and other relevant international and regional organizations, within their respective mandates, to provide the necessary support and actively contribute to the preparatory process;

8. *Requests* the Administrator of the United Nations Development Programme to ensure, as appropriate, the full involvement of the resident coordinators and country teams in preparations for the Conference, in particular in the country and regional level preparations;

9. *Calls upon* the Secretary-General to mobilize the active involvement of the organizations of the United Nations system in the preparatory process for the Conference in a coordinated and coherent manner by, inter alia, utilizing the coordination mechanisms at his disposal, including the Senior Management Group, the United Nations Development Group, the Executive Committee for Economic and Social Affairs and the United Nations System Chief Executives Board for Coordination;

10. *Requests* the Secretary-General to submit to it at its sixty-fourth session a report on the further implementation of the Programme of Action as well as the implementation of the present resolution, including the state of the substantive, organizational and logistical preparations for the Conference.